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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 74-231

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: DIVISION 20 FRAUD REGULATIONS

REFERENCE:

I have recently adopted the new fraud regulations which were submitted for public comment on August 5, 1974.

Testimony received from the counties was quite helpful and assisted us in identifying and correcting a number of technical and minor administrative problems. Significant questions were raised by some counties and these were carefully weighed in a policy context.

At the suggestion of CWDA the State Benefits and Services Advisory Board was asked to review the proposed regulations at its September meeting. At its October meeting the Board considered and voted its support of the regulations as amended by policy decisions made within the department.

I believe the regulations have been strengthened as a result of the changes. They focus attention on the need for welfare fraud prevention, detection and prosecution and set forth specific responsibilities which must be met. At the same time, the regulations provide maximum administrative flexibility to counties with effective programs as well as mechanisms to correct situations in which interest may be lacking or fraud control programs are ineffective.

May I suggest that the adoption of the new regulations makes this an appropriate time to review your fraud control program to ensure that it is not only vigorous but meets the intent and the letter of the regulatory requirements.

Sincerely,

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Director

cc: CWDA

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